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SUBJ: RF SCORES IMPRESSIVELY IN HAU NGHIA

PARIS FOR USDEL JEC

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HEREWITH REPEAT OF AMCONSUL BIEN HOA MESSAGE 0039 ACTION
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1. TWO SIGNIFICANT CLASHES OCCURED BETWEEN GVN REGIONAL FORCES
AND NVA/VC DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JANUARY 29.

2. IN THE FIRST, THE 4TH COMPANY, 327TH BATTALION KILLED 50
NVA/VC IN TRANG BANG DISTRICT, HAU NGHIA PROVINCE (AT XT 480257).
RF UNIT WAS ENRNMPED FOR THE NIGHT. ITS MISSION WAS TO PROVIDE
SECURITY FOR PROVINCIAL ROAD LTL 19 WHICH CONNECTS TRANG BANG DIS-
TRICT AND KHEIM HANH DISTRICT IN TAY NINH PROVINCE. AT
APPROXIMATELY 0430 HOURS, THE RF COMPANY WAS ATTACKED BY 61MM
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AND 82 MM MORTAR FIRE FOLLOWED BY INFANTRY OF THE 9TH BNOQQPQST

REGIMENT, VA. A C-119 GUNSHIP, WHSZH HAD BEEN ON STATION IN THIS AREA EARLIER BUT WAS EN ROUTE TO BIEN HOA, WAS CALLED BACK FOR SUPPORT. COMMUNIST EQUIPMENT CIA INCLUDED THREE RFD MACHINEGUNS, 2 B-41 AND 5 B-40 ROCKET LAUNCHERS, 16 AK-47 RIFLES, 1 M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHER, AND A SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITY OF AMMUNITION. NVA UNIT IDENTIFICATION WAS MADE FROM DOCUMENTS AND OTHER EVIDENCE FOUND ON THE BODIES. GVN LOSSES WERE 8 KIA AND 16 WIA, MOSTLY FROM THE MORTAR BARRAGE.

3. SECOND ENCOUNTER INVOLVED THE 305TH REGIONAL FORCE BATTALION 6 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF TRANG BANG DISTRICT AT XT 530250. THIS UNIT ALSO RECEIVED A MORTAR BARRAGE AND GROUND ATTACK FROM ENEMY FORCES NOT YET IDENTIFIED, BUT BELIEVED ALSO TO BE THE 101ST NVA REGT. FULL DETAILS OF THIS ENCOUNTER HAVE NOT REACHED MR 3 HEADQUARTERS, HOWEVER, INITIAL ARVN CASUALTY TOTALS LIST 5 KIA, 6 WIA, AND 5 MIA INCLUDING A COMPANY COMMANDER, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND 3 ENLISLCD MEN. KNOWN COMMUNIST LOSSES ARE 5 KIA PLUS WEAPONS. ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE REPORTED WHEN RECEIVED.
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